



Board Update

BELLEVUE STUDENTS ARE ACTIVE, CONNECTED LIFE LONG LEARNERS August 2020

Tena koutou from the Bellevue School Board of Trustees

Our latest Board meeting was held on 30 July 2020.

We issue these newsletters regularly throughout the school year to help keep you up to date with school news and the activities of the Board. If you have any feedback or suggestions regarding what you would like to see in these newsletters, as well as any positive feedback about the school and staff or any concerns, please feel free to contact us at boardchair@bellevue-newlands.school.nz. We love to hear from you!

Board Vacancy Update

We received a total of 60 requests to run a by-election to fill the casual vacancy on the Board. We appreciate the time taken to submit these letters to the Board and we look forward to seeing a huge response for the nominations and voting to fill this vacancy. The Board have chosen the 9th of October as the election date to ensure we give the by-election process the necessary time to run properly. This election date is the last date votes can be accepted. A returning officer has been appointed by the Board. This role is not filled by any Board member, and they will now run the by-election independently of the Board so keep an eye out for more information from the returning officer.

Property Update

Electrical Issue: As you are aware Bellevue has had some issues with the electricity. The leadership team and our board property representative have been working hard to identify the cause and remedy the issue. The issue has been identified as too much electrical draw on our electrical supply. This is a common issue across a lot of schools that were built in the 1960's. Unfortunately, there isn't a quick fix and we are working with the Ministry of Education to upgrade the school electrical system to cope with our growth. In the meantime, a plan has been implemented to manage the issue.

Other property projects on the go is the Jubilee Corner which will be starting in the near future. We will also be removing the old sandpit and landscaping the entrance. Keep an eye on the school newsletter for updates and dates regarding these projects.

Surveys

The Board have all agreed that it is a good time to Survey Bellevue students, families and staff. The outcome of these surveys is to help the Board with the strategic planning for the school. We would like to hear about the things that are going well and the things that could be improved. The Board have decided to engage with external organisation(s) to run these surveys on our behalf. This will ensure that all responses are kept anonymous to ensure we receive open and honest feedback. The aggregated results of these surveys will be shared with the Board. We will not have access to the individual responses, and a summary of the findings will be shared with staff, students and community. Please keep an eye on the newsletters for updates.

Next Board meeting

Our next Board meeting is on 10 September 2020, at 7:00pm in the school staff room. Please feel free to join us. If you have any specific items for the agenda or you would like to speak, please email boardchair@bellevue-newlands.school.nz for consideration.

Hei konā mai i roto i ngā mihi,
Goodbye for now and thanks.

Bellevue School Board of Trustees